b Match the words from the list to definitions 1–11.

In the UK

boarding school degree head nursery school
primary school private school ~~pupils~~
secondary school state school students term

1 Children in school.
pupils
2 A school for children aged four to eleven.
_____
3 The teacher in charge of a school.
_____
4 A school controlled by the government.
_____
5 An official document that students gain by successfully completing a course at university.
_____
6 A school that parents pay for.
_____
7 A period of time that the school year is divided into.
_____
8 A school that children live at while they're studying.
_____
9 A school for children aged from about two to five.
_____
10 People who are studying at school or university.
_____
11 A school for children aged from eleven to eighteen.
_____

c Complete the sentences.

In the US

1 Very young children often go to k*indergarten* .
2 Children start e_____ sch_____ when they're six.
3 Schoolchildren are divided by age group into gr_____.
4 The school year is divided into s_____.
5 After middle school, students go on to h_____ sch_____.
6 Students finish school in tw_____ gr_____.
7 When they leave school, some students go to c_____ to continue their education.

d Complete the texts with the past simple form of the verbs from the list.

be expelled be punished cheat let make
misbehave (not) be allowed to



At my secondary school, discipline was very strict. Students who behaved badly [1]*were expelled*, so very few students [2]_____ in class. We [3]_____ talk during lessons, and the teacher [4]_____ us stand up every time another teacher came into the classroom. We had to wear a uniform, and we [5]_____ if we wore something different. We had to study a lot, and nobody [6]_____ in exams. In the final year, the teachers weren't as strict with us, and they [7]_____ us leave school during the lunch break.

fail pass revise take



I was very nervous before my final exams at university. I [8]_____ for several weeks, and I didn't go out at all. I [9]_____ eight exams, and I was very relieved when I had finished. In the end, I [10]_____ all of them, but my friends weren't so lucky. They [11]_____ some of the exams, so they had to do them again.

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